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Subject: EAS review of state and local plans

Hi All,

As I mentioned to several of you the Wireless RERC undertook a review of all the available EAS plans over a period of 2 years. The review was conducted to determine if any contained procedures or messages intended to provide instructions for people with disabilities. Frank Lucia, co-project director of the Wireless Emergency Communications project was able to find and review 43 state and 64 local EAS plans. We believe this information might prove helpful to your efforts to modernize the EAS. Feel free to contact Frank for more information on his research.

All the best,
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State and local EAS plans are developed to facilitate distribution of Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) messages within a state or local area. This review of those plans was conducted to determine if any of these plans contained procedures or messages intended to provide instructions for people with disabilities. Such instructions would have been developed by emergency management and inserted in the plan.

State or +Local	Plan Date	Review Date	Handicap/Contact Notification*
Alabama	August 1996	May 4 2007	No
Alaska	May 15 2003	May 4 2007	No
+Juneau	July 2006	May 4 2007	No
+Anchorage	January 29 2004	May 4 2007	No
Arizona	February 10 1998	May 4 2007	No
Arkansas			
California	October 15 2002	May 7 2007	EDIS- Foreign language stations
+Monterey Bay Area	December 6 2002	February 25 2009	No
+Stanislaus/Tuolumne	January 14 1999	February 25 2009	No
+Kern County	October 23 2002	February 25 2009	Spanish key EAS station
+San Francisco	September 14 2004	May 7 2007	EDIS-Spanish key EAS station
+Sacramento/Sierra	December 12 2002	July 17 2007	EDIS
+Inyo/Mono	November 11 2004	July 17 2007	EDIS
+ Los Angeles	July 24 2002	December 11 2007	No
Colorado	April 2002	May 22 2007	No
+Denver	March 2007	June 23 2009	No
+Horsetooth	October 1 2007	June 23 2009	No
+Pikes Peak	June 1997	June 23 2009	No
+Hi Plains	February 1998	June 23 2009	No
+Fort Bent	January 2000	June 23 2009	No
+San Isabel	June 2 1998	June 23 2009	No
+San Luis	June 1998	June 23 2009	No
+Mesa Verde	March 1 2000	July 6 2009	No
+Blue Mesa	May 8 2006	July 6 2009	Note 6
+High Country	May 20 1998	July 6 2009	No
Connecticut			
Delaware			
District of Columbia	December 2008	December 9 2008	No
Florida	June 1 2005	October 27 2008	Spanish & Creole key EAS station
Georgia	January 2006	October 23 2007	No
Guam			
Hawaii	June 12 2003	June 14 2007	No
Idaho	March 17 2006	June 18 2007	No
+East Idaho	March 29 2006	June 18 2007	No
+South Central	March 2006	June 18 2007	No
+Inland NW	March 2007	June 18 2009	Missing Person Safety Advisory
+SW ID E OR	March 7 2007	June 18 2007	No
Illinois	June 2006	June 23 2009	No
+Will County	2007	June 23 2009	No
Indiana	June 2000	June 19 2007	No
+South Central	March 2006	December 11 2007	No
+South Bend	February 1998	December 11 2007	No
+Terra Haute	April 2009	June 23 2009	No

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+Richmond	April 2009	June 23 2009	No
Iowa	November 2002	June 21 2007	No
Kansas	June 1998	June 29 2007	No
Kentucky			
+Purchase Area		October 8 2008	No
Louisiana	July 1 1999	June 29 2007	
Maine	July 16 2003	July 9 2007	No
Maryland	January 2006	May 12 2008	No
Massachusetts			
Michigan	March 25 2003	October 26 2008	No
+Eastern Central MI	December 10 1996	October 26 2008	No
Minnesota	July 25 2001	December 11 2007	No
+MN East Central	March 3 1998	June 18 2009	No
Mississippi	Not Available	Aril 13 2009	No
Missouri		August 2 2008	No
Montana	January 12 2005	May 12 2008	No
+Gallatin/Park	January 1999	July 10 2007	No
Nebraska	August 2003	July 10 2007	No
Nevada	May 26 2005	May 12 2008	No
+W NV/E CA	February 19 2004	June 18 2009	No
New Hampshire	December 16 2007	May 12 2008	No
New Jersey	June 7 2005	August 21 2007	Message for handicapped **
New Mexico	July 5 2006	January 12 2009	No
New York	December 16 2004	August 21 2007	No
+New York City	June 14 2004	October 24 2007	No
+Delaware County		October 24 2007	Note 3
+ Lewis County		May 6 2009	Note 4
+Schuyler County	April 2008	May 6 2009	Note 5
North Carolina	June 2005	May 4 2007	No
North Dakota	February 1999 Annex	May 12 2008	No
Ohio	September 2003	January 26 2008	No
+Southwest Ohio	August 2004	January 26 2008	No
+West Central Ohio	January 2005	August 22 2007	No
+Central E Lakeshore	July 2003	January 26 2008	No
+East Central	July 2003	January 26 2008	No
+Lima	July 2003	January 26 2008	No
+Upper Ohio Valley	July 2003	January 26 2008	No
+Youngstown	December 2003	January 26 2008	No
+Northwest	December 2003	January 26 2008	No
+North Central	December 2004	January 26 2008	No
+Southeast	March 2004	January 26 2008	No
+Central	December 2004	January 26 2008	No
+South Central	April 2005	January 26 2008	No
Oklahoma	June 2002	August 22 2007	No
+KPAK OK/KS	January 2009	January 12 2009	No
Oregon	November 12 2004	August 28 2007	No
Pennsylvania	April 4 2004	August 28 2007	No
Rhode Island			
South Carolina	January 6 2003	August 29 2007	No
South Dakota	January 2005	August 29 2007	No
Tennessee	February 28 2006	August 29 2007	No
Texas	March 2004	August 30 2007	Spanish key EAS stations
+Abilene	July 11 2006	September 4 2007	No

+Amarillo	January 15 1997	September 4 2007	No
+Beaumont	Not Available	September 4 2007	No
+Capital Area	April 2004	September 4 2007	No
+Corpus Christi	Not Available	September 4 2007	No
+Dallas-Fort Worth	Not Available	September 4 2007	No
+El Paso	January 1997	September 4 2007	No
+Houston	March 22 2006	September 4 2007	Note on Spanish language
+San Antonio	November 12 2002	September 4 2007	Note on language and captioning
Utah			
Vermont	Not Available	September 6 2007	No
Virginia	May 15 2006	September 6 2007	No
+Eastern Virginia	June 18 1997	September 7 2007	No
+Roanoke Extended	December 29 1999	September 7 2007	No
+Shenandoah Valley	March 29 2005	September 7 2007	No
Washington	January 8 2004	September 7 2007	No
+Inland Northwest	March 2007	December 16 2008	
West Virginia	May 2007	December 9 2008	No
Wisconsin	September 2007	September 2 2008	No
+Dane County	February 2003	September 11 2007	Procedures for sending text
Wyoming	December 2002	September 11 2007	No
Pacific Islands			
Puerto Rico			
Virgin Islands			

+ Local Plan

* Notification means having procedures or announcements in a plan to alert persons who may have not received the initial alert message. This includes persons with disabilities.

** Handicapped residents with special transportation needs should contact available relatives or friends. If no one is immediately available, handicapped residents should contact the appropriate emergency officials and remain indoors until emergency vehicles arrive to provide transportation.

NOTES:

1. Almost all plans contain announcements for the public to tune to a broadcast station for continuing emergency information.
2. Many plans contain procedures for NWS and local officials to activate EAS through the key EAS station's EAS equipment.
3. Special institutions such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, major industries and places of public assembly will be notified individually. Arrangement will be made for warning the hearing impaired as conditions warrant. Special arrangements may be made for providing warning information to the hearing impaired and, where appropriate, non-English speaking population groups.
4. Arrangement will be made for warning the hearing impaired as conditions warrant. Develop and keep updated Emergency Public Information (EPI) materials such as pamphlets with instructions as to what action to take (including instructions to groups when primary language is not English) - Linguistic Department SUNY Albany. Make EPI materials available for distribution to the public and the use by the news media, including for the visually impaired.
5. Arrangement will be made for warning the hearing impaired as conditions warrant. Make EPI materials available for distribution to the public and the use by the news media, including for the visually impaired.
6. Anyone needing help or information should call the county health department hotline at () to request immediate emergency assistance.